

# The Community Involvement Plan

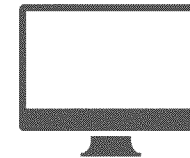
EPA's community involvement plan for the CFAC site outlines how EPA will work with others to address community concerns with consideration for the community's preferred communication methods. To ensure fair and meaningful public involvement in the investigation and cleanup at the CFAC site, EPA will:

1. Promote community awareness and understanding of the CFAC site and Superfund process by collecting and making information available and accessible to the public in a timely and non-technical manner.
2. Encourage and publicize opportunities for community engagement and public comment throughout the Superfund process.

3. Sustain long-term public engagement and maintain two-way communication with the community, partners and stakeholders to make sure that people have equal access to the Superfund decision-making process and the same degree of protection from environmental and health hazards regardless of race, color, national origin or income.

## Community Engagement Tools and Activities

To achieve these public engagement goals, EPA has identified and developed a variety of community involvement tools and activities:



### WEBSITE

EPA will continue to maintain a website specifically for the CFAC site.  
[www.epa.gov/superfund/columbia-falls](http://www.epa.gov/superfund/columbia-falls)

The webpage will:

- Provide an overview and history of the site and EPA's involvement.
- Post updated information about the Superfund cleanup process to the public. New and topical information will be featured on the front page of the website in the TOPICS IN FOCUS section.
- Publish site reports and documents related to the site as they become available to the public. A link to the document section is featured on the front page of the website under Site Reports and Documents.
- Provide links to additional resources related to the site.

EPA also has other webpages available for information about the Superfund program and Region 8:

- National Superfund program:  
[www.epa.gov/Superfund](http://www.epa.gov/Superfund)

- EPA Region 8:  
[www.epa.gov/aboutepa/epa-region-8-mountains-and-plains](http://www.epa.gov/aboutepa/epa-region-8-mountains-and-plains)
- Superfund Community Involvement: [www.epa.gov/superfund/superfund-community-involvement](http://www.epa.gov/superfund/superfund-community-involvement)

Other organizations with websites that provide information about the CFAC site include:

- MDEQ:  
[deq.mt.gov/DEQAdmin/CFAC/cfac](http://deq.mt.gov/DEQAdmin/CFAC/cfac)
- CFAC Community Liaison Panel:  
[www.cfacproject.com/community-liaison-panel](http://www.cfacproject.com/community-liaison-panel)
- City of Columbia Falls:  
[cityofcolumbiafalls.org/cfac-liaison-panel](http://cityofcolumbiafalls.org/cfac-liaison-panel)

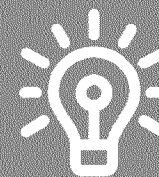
Please read the CDE's and City's websites for these



## FORMAL PUBLIC COMMENT PERIODS

Before key Superfund decisions are made at the site, EPA will announce and open a public comment period and encourage people to submit information. EPA considers all public comments in the Superfund decision-making process. The last formal public comment period opened in March 2015, when EPA proposed the CFAC site for listing on the NPL.

Please share your thoughts with EPA



**Look for the orange boxes in this section for ways you can engage with EPA.**